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- ☐ This is a request for filing a    patent application of pending prior U.S. Application No.   , filed   , now   .

The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is (are):

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The title of this application is:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING CONDITIONAL SELECTIVITY AS  
FOUNDATION FOR EXPLOITING STATISTICS ON QUERY EXPRESSIONS

Enclosed are:

- 55   Page(s) of Specification  
  17   Page(s) of 61 Claims  
  1   Page(s) of Abstract  
  5   Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ Assignment of the invention to Microsoft Corporation  
☒ Assignment Cover Sheet  
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application  
☐ Other:  
☐ Priority of foreign application number    filed on    in    is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d).

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	61	-20 = 51	x \$18.00 =	\$ 738.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	5	- 3 = 2	x \$84.00 =	\$ 168.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			+ \$280.00	\$ 0
				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))	\$ 750.00
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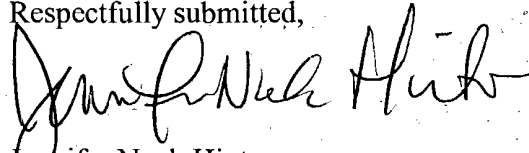
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